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Subject: Fw: Write letters To Save Nantucket Sound

Dear Ladies and Gents:

This is an important issue and time is running out!

I don't know where many of you stand on this issue, but as a trained Fisheries biologist, with a Master's Degree, I see *many* environmental concerns.

It isn't just a matter of "not in my back yard", although that **is** a legit issue, seeing as we host thousands of tourists from all over the world. It **is** OK to say, "I don't want to look at all those turbines every day - forever." If we don't want to look at them, our guests probably don't either.

Many of the open forums held on the Cape have discussed the *emotional* issues involved with the wind Farm, but there are **real** environmental concerns here.

I was involved, as a research biologist, in a dredging project in Lake Erie from 1976-79. I was working for an environmental firm that had a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers. Our job was to study the impact on larval and juvenile fish, as well as testing water chemistries.

I saw, first hand, what siltation from moving the substrate (i.e., bottom sediments) does... Larval fish, shellfish, and crustaceans are suffocated, while fertilized fish eggs are buried. This is not going to help our already-struggling fish populations off the New England coast. Are we willing to gamble that within 10+ years these fragile species will somehow recover? I won't even go into the impact of these turbines on migrating birds, many of which fly at night...

I do not dispute the fact that other sources of energy are necessary, but I do feel that our oceans are not the place. We could save a lot of energy buying fuel-saving vehicles, turning off lights, using energy efficient appliances, and so on.

Even if the wind farm was the right approach, there is currently no regulation dictating how many or how big they can be. Cape Wind is not interested in bettering life for Mass./Cape Cod residents, it is interested in feathering its own nest.

The first principle I learned in my undergraduate Ecology class was that *everything in nature is interrelated*. For example: If you look under a rock for species that live there, put the rock back where you found it! This is some

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critter's home... Another species probably depends on *it* for food... If you wipe out the low levels of the food chain, what do you think will happen to the top of the food chain?? Man is the top "grazer", by the way!!

I know you are all busy, but please do what you can. I have submitted this letter to our Governor (who continues to battle against this development), the Army Corps, our Senators, representatives, Coast Guard and all interested parties.

Thanks! Shelly Stirling

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Subject: Ensure 'Cape Wind' Project Is Safe for Wildlife

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Sincerely,

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From: Ed & Faye LaVallee [e.lavallee@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 8:13 PM
To: Energy, Wind NAE
Subject: CAPE WIND

Dear Ms. Kirk-Adams,

This e-mail is to voice my objection to the Cape Wind turbines project proposed for Nantucket Sound. I will not call it a wind "farm". It is an industrial park. It is an industry out to make money - in this case Cape Wind Associates and General Electric.

We need to have more adequate answers to questions on how this project would impact the region. We need laws in place to protect this and other ocean waters were such projects are being proposed. Without proper regulations in place, how can it be suggested that these projects go forward?

I live in Hyannis, MA. I do not live in a trophy home at the beach. I did move here because of a love for the Cape and a desire to retire here. It is a sense of place that is strong in those who choose to live here and on the islands.

I am all for alternative energy projects. The Cape Wind project does not belong in Nantucket Sound.

Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

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From: Joe Bohan [jp.bohan@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 8:39 PM
To: Energy, Wind NAE
Subject: Cape Cod Wind Power Project

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

I feel it is imperative that the Cape Wind Project be allowed to proceed ! Presently this nation has no feasible national energy plan . Wind energy is an abundant resource that will eventually be widely utilized but only if we take the first step . Lets start implementing for the future now ! Please help make tomorrow a more livable environment for our heirs and do what needs to be done to construct our first offshore wind generators !

Sincerely,
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From: ralph2 [ralph2@stic.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 9:37 PM
To: Energy, Wind NAE
Subject: Support for Cape Wind project

Hello!

My two cents worth on the Cape Wind project.

San Antonio has a program called "WindTricity," where customers of the local power company can purchase their electricity from that generated at the Desert Sky Wind Farm, located in West Texas.

While there were some who opposed the project - for the same reasons given by the opponents of the Cape Wind project - now that the wind farm is up and running, people couldn't be happier.

The wind farm has approximately 170 turbines, which produce enough power for 50K homes. A crew of only 12 men is all that's required to maintain the entire site, so there are cost savings to be had immediately.

There was originally a lot of concern about the impact to the avian population. However, the turbines are so large (one fin is 112 feet in length) and turn so slowly that birds have no problem avoiding them.

They do not attract lightning, but they do attract visitors! Our local power company has recently started tours to the wind farm, and the tours fill quickly! I've been once, and I would love to go back!

One final point about the Cape Wind project. Should there be another blackout like those the east coast has suffered lately, those who get their power from the wind farm would still have energy. I'll take that over a view anytime!

Thank you,
Monica Salyer

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From: MRDARCHER@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 9:55 PM
To: Energy, Wind NAE
Subject: Comment Sheet - Draft Environmental Impact Statement-Offshore wind Project/Nantucket Sound

February 10, 2005

Karen K. Adams
re: file#NAE-2004-338-1

I am in favor of developing wind power in America. I fully understand the need to expand our output of native renewable energy.

However, I am very much opposed to installing power-generating turbines on a farm in Nantucket Sound. Nantucket Sound, in my opinion, is a National treasure that should be designated as a National Park to prevent further experimental projects like this one.

I am opposed to the "wind farm project" as presented for the following specific reasons:

1. Negative impact to commercial fishing
2. Serious navigational hazards for aircraft and water vessels.
3. A detriment to the environment with riskier maintenance issues of the wind farm. There needs to be a stringent environmental impact study.
4. Aesthetic reasons (flashing lights, fog horns, tall towers, etc.)
5. Hazard to commercial ferries commuting to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to Hyannis which provide food, medicine, building materials, laborers, etc., The livelihood of many workmen are involved with these daily commutes.
6. Failure of power-generating turbines as a result of hurricanes, winter storms, etc., and the resultant loss of power and the resulting damage to the environment.

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Subject: Cape Wind Commentary to the USACE

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Dear Ms. Adams,

would be so kind and please send me your telephone number (&/or your direct e-mail) and a good time to reach you. I want to briefly discuss the manner of reply to the Cape Wind EIS with you.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 8:53 AM
To: Energy, Wind NAE
Subject: Attention: Karen Kirk Adams

Hi Karen, I am not going to write a long letter but I just wanted to weigh in on the Cape Wind Project to say that, YES, YES, YES, we need to go ahead with it. Truthfully, I haven't been so proud of our government in the last few years but I would be so proud of Massachusetts and of the Army Corps if we went ahead with this. You know, the earth is quite an extraordinary place and it deserves all the attention we can give. If for no other reason, we need to do this just for the earth. It's the right thing.

Sincerely,

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